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- 1. ON BASIS YOU WILL BE BRIEFING THE NEW AMBASSADOR TO KUWAIT SHORTLY, RECENT INSPECTION CANNOT SUPPORT RESIDENT SEABEE KUWAIT. CHARGE HAS BEEN INFORMED OF MY CONCLUSION. ASIDE FROM TRIPS MADE BY SEABEE WELLMAN AND SPECIAL ONE-TIME PROJECTS SANA, WE CALCULATE NOT MORE THAN 25 PERCENT OF SEABEE WORK DURING PAST YEAR HAS BEEN SY RELATED.
- 2. ASSUME PREVIOUS REQUIREMENT OF POST TO SUBMIT SUGGESTED REDUCTION "IF YOU HAD TO, WHO WOULD YOU" IS NOW A DEAD ISSUE. WHILE RESO INS NOT FULLY OCCUPIED ON SY MATTERS, HE CAN AND DOES DEVOTE ABOUT 80 PERCENT OF HIS TIME TO SECURITY WORK.PROBLEMS EXISITING AT SAMLL EMBASSIES HIS AREA AND GENERAL SITUATION WARRANT RETENTION THIS POSITION. POST AGREES AND ADVISED THE WORD "REGIONAL" IS ALWAYS VULNERABLE TO THE CUTTING KNIFE.
- 3. WHILE BRIEFING THE AMBASSADOR WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR COVERING RESTRICTIONS ON WEARING OF UNIFORM BY THE MARINES WHILE ON DUTY INSIDE THE EMBASSY. ACCORDING TO POST THIS IS A RESTRICTION OF THE HOST GOVERNMENT, HOWEVER, I CAN FIND NO EVIDENCE TO THIS BEING CHALLENGED SINCE 1967. BELIEVE MUCH CAN BE GAINED IF AMBASSADOR IS WILLING TO MAKE NEW REQUEST APPROACH TO GOVERNMENT. PERHAPS SMALL ITEM, BUT LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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